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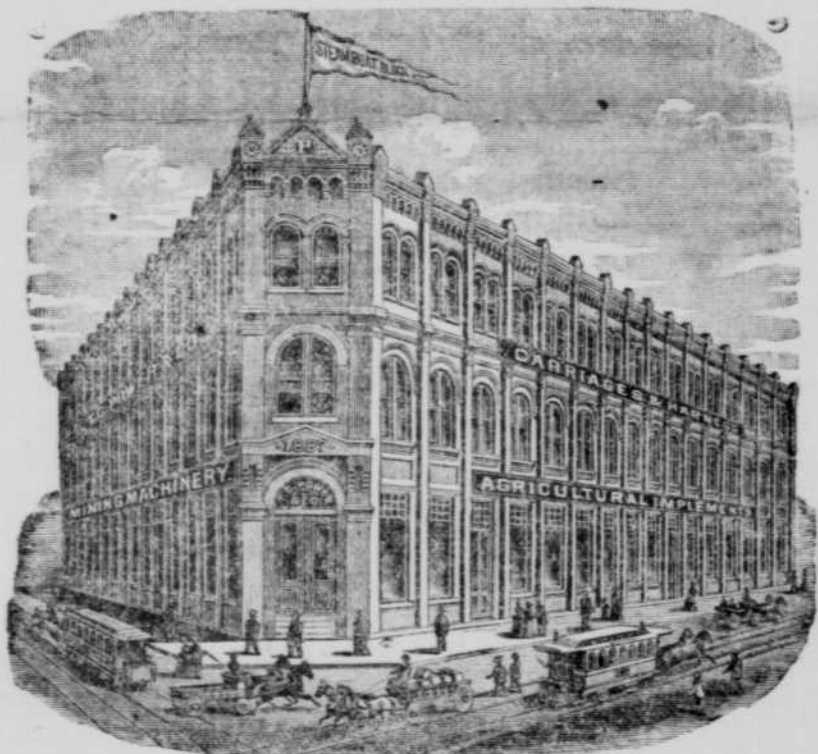
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## OUR ARID LANDS.

They Cannot be Gobbled by Monopolistic Corporations from the Government.

Secretary Noble Gives the Law, Which is Not Generally Known in the West.

Surveyed Sites for Storage Reservoirs Shall Remain the Property of Uncle Sam.

In view of the fact that the reclamation of our arid lands for settlers is a topic upon which the public mind is so generally fixed, it is not surprising that the following correspondence, which was received yesterday by Governor White from the Interior department, will be of general interest. Fears that monopolists may grab the public lands when surveyed, as they are seeking to do in Idaho, are entertained in Montana also, and it is in an effort to avert this wrong that Governor Thorpe, of Idaho, at the report of the constitutional convention sent the following resolutions to Secretary Noble, adopted by the convention:

BOISE CITY, Idaho, Aug. 3, 1889.—Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.:—The constitutional convention adopted the following to-day: Whereas, The government of the United States has taken steps towards reclamation of the arid lands of the west, and for the purpose of establishing a thorough system of storage reservoirs, canals and irrigating ditches, engineering surveys have been made of these lands; and Whereas, It is feared that the plans of the government are threatened by the threatened by speculators having men to follow up these surveys to make filings on lands, reservoirs and canal locations, and Whereas, It is feared that one corporation is seeking to seize and control Bear Lake, together with large bodies of land adjoining the shore line with the intention of making that lake a great storage basin; and Whereas, The same corporation is seeking to control the waters of Bear Lake, together with all the waters of Bear River, with the tributaries thereof, and to acquire for a distance of about 150 miles in Idaho with a view of monopolizing all these waters to their own use, one purpose of which is that they may dispose of a very large portion thereof within the territory of Utah, greatly to the injury of Idaho and against the interest of her people; Therefore, Be it resolved, That it was not contemplated, by the government or the territory of Idaho, that any such monopolizing of the lands and waters of Idaho should be permitted.

Resolved, That steps should be taken at once to prevent the acquisition of reservoirs and canal locations and the same be preserved for the people.

Resolved, That the lake should be retained for a public storage reservoir and the lands immediately adjoining the lake should be withdrawn from market to and in carrying out such purposes.

Resolved, by the Idaho constitutional convention now assembled at the capital of the territory, having in view the general public and the welfare of the people of Idaho with prosperity of the territory at large, do hereby authorize the governor to take such action as will remedy the evils which threaten this fair territory in the manner outlined in this memorial.

Resolved that the memorial be spread upon the journal of this convention and a certified copy thereof be forwarded by the governor to the secretary of the interior.

To which Secretary Noble replied: I have just received the resolution transmitted by you to me through telegraph. A full reply to this question, I think, is found in the following provisions of the Appropriation act of October 2, 1888, which reads as follows:

"For the purpose of investigating the extent to which the arid region of the United States can be reclaimed by irrigation, and the segregation of the irrigable lands in such arid region, and for the selection of sites for reservoirs and other hydraulic works, the territory and the United States shall make a report to congress on the first Monday in December of each year, showing in said report the money that has been expended, the amount used for actual survey and engineering work in the field in locating sites for reservoirs and in the report account of the expenditures under this appropriation. And all the lands which may hereafter be designated or selected by such United States survey for reservoir sites, for storage of water for irrigation purposes, and all the lands made susceptible of irrigation by such reservoirs, ditches or canals are from this time henceforth, hereby reserved from sale as the property of the United States, and shall not be subject after the passage of this act to entry, settlement or occupation until further provided by law.

Provided, That the president may at any time in his discretion by proclamation open any portion or all of the lands reserved by this provision to settlement under the homestead laws.

This is the law of to-day, unrevoked, unamended and in full force. You perceive its vast extent and the immense consequences that will follow therefrom in the direction that your resolution points unless there be further action in regard thereto by congress. It follows necessarily that the speculators, corporations or other persons referred to in the resolution are under the effect of this law and unable to obtain the advantages that you say they are seeking. Unless the law is repealed or amended, the present condition of the lands in Idaho and Utah, and parties entering upon these lands in either territory will be subjected to the superior title and further control of the United States. I have directed the commissioner of the land office to notify the local officers of this law and prohibit entries of the kind you specify, and I have also ordered the superintendent of the geological survey to proceed rapidly with the surveys on Bear River. The

statute you observe reserves these lands from the date thereof, and the assistant attorney general of this department agrees with me that it is constitutional and effective to the extent expressed. I fully appreciate the conflict of rights that must arise between territories and between territories and states, but these all can and will be better regulated by national control than local conflicts and contradictory legislation. I fear that the statute to which I have referred is not known to the western territories to the extent, at least, that it ought to be, and I will have your dispatch and this published to-day in full.

JOHN W. NOBLE, Secretary.

### MONTANA RECORDS BROKEN.

Last Day and Some Excellent Sport at the Smelter City Meeting.

ANACONDA, Aug. 17.—[Special to the Independent.]—The attendance at the Anacoda races to-day was the largest of the meeting. The Montana Union special train brought large delegations from Deer Lodge, Butte and intermediate points. The first race was the mile heat running, best two in three. The entries were Black Pilot, Nevada and Leon. Nevada won in two straight heats. Time, 1:46 and 1:46:5.

Next came the one and one-eighth of a mile special running race between Jubilee and Broadchurch. At the start Jubilee was the favorite in the pools, but for some unknown reason the betting switched to Broadchurch for the favorite. Jubilee won in 1:57.

The next was a one mile handicap between J. M. R. Kittle Van and Little Phil. Little Phil was the favorite in the pools and won the race in 1:46:5. Kittle Van second, J. M. R. third.

The next in order was the free-for-all pace which was the event of the day. In it were entered Yolo Maid, St. Patrick and Clatswa. The horses got a good send-off and started out beautifully. Yolo Maid first, St. Patrick second, Clatswa third.

They went around in that order, Yolo Maid winning the first heat in 2:19:5, which was the third time at this meeting that the Montana record had been broken.

The next heat was a repetition of the first, save that St. Patrick broke and Clatswa came in second. Time of heat 2:21:4.

The event of the day was the third heat, when Holly, who was driving the Maid, determined to make a Montana record that should stand unbroken for some time. From the start to the finish the little mare's every motion was grace itself. When the word was given for the third heat she started ahead like a shot out of a cannon, pulling away at once from St. Patrick, who tried hard to stay alongside. The quarter was made in 31:4, the half in 1:06, and the three-quarter in 1:30. The Maid won the race in 2:04, which was the third time at this meeting that the Montana record had been broken.

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## TWO MEN NAMED.

Yellowstone and Choteau Counties Both Want to Have the Lieutenant Governorship.

The Gallatin Convention Not Very Enthusiastic, Only Four Precincts Being Represented.

The Park County People Nominate a Full Ticket, Including a Democrat—Other Conventions.

BILLINGS, Aug. 17.—[Special to the Independent.]—The Yellowstone county primary convention to-day elected as delegates to the territorial convention at Anaconda A. S. Babcock, H. H. Mund, R. Goss, Paul McCormick and Fred H. Foster. The delegation was instructed to insist on the representation of eastern Montana on the state ticket, and to present the name of A. L. Babcock, at present county commissioner of this county, for lieutenant governor.

Gallatin County Delegates. BOZEMAN, Aug. 17.—[Special to the Independent.]—The republican county convention met and elected delegates to Anaconda, after which the convention adjourned to meet Sept. 22d, when county officers will be nominated.

The following delegates were named: State senator, James E. Thompson; members of the legislature, C. H. Eaton and C. H. Stebbins; sheriff, O. P. Templeton; clerk and recorder, S. Deutch; treasurer, F. W. Wright; assessor, John Clifford; clerk of the district court, E. Emmons; county attorney, A. R. Jones; commissioners, H. J. Hoppe, W. M. Wright, and J. J. Frasier; superintendent of schools, Mary L. Blake; public administrator, J. S. Carter; coroner, Judge Redfield. The material for county surveyor not being found in the party, George Parner was nominated. When informed that he was a democrat the convention left the office to be filled by the committee. The following were named to attend the state convention: G. H. Wright, C. H. Burz, Geo. O. Eaton, J. D. Whelpley, C. A. Gillett, J. E. Gustine, H. J. Armstrong, F. J. White, G. M. Hatch and J. C. McCartney.

Jefferson Democrats. BOULDER, Aug. 17.—[Special to the Independent.]—The democratic primaries and caucus were well attended. Considerable interest was manifested in the contest for sheriff, the Halford ticket winning by a handsome majority. Messrs. McCoy, Warner, Sweet, Northrup, Smith, Parker, Hope, Sloan, Berendes, Wahle and Bonner were elected delegates to the county convention to be held at Wicks' on the 24th inst.

J. Dougherty and D. G. Warner were nominated for justices of the peace and constables. The republican caucus was harmonious throughout and made but one nomination for township officers, that of A. S. Kellogg for justice of the peace. Messrs. Green, Walpert, Fred Leighton, Dickinson, Brown, Foster, J. A. Leighton, Perkins, Widine, Nelson and Patterson were elected delegates to the county convention.

For Power and Carter. FORT BENTON, Aug. 17.—[Special to the Independent.]—The republican county convention was held in this city to-day and resulted in very little business of importance. Delegates to the state convention were nominated as follows: W. J. Smith, John W. Power, F. C. Roosevelt and Jere Sullivan, with instructions to press the nomination of John W. Power for lieutenant-governor. Resolutions were passed declaring Thomas H. Carter the first and only choice for representative in congress and further resolutions of the stereotyped order. The party slate not being completed, owing to internal discord, an adjournment to Saturday, Aug. 18, was had in order to nominate a county ticket.

Politics in Cascades. GREAT FALLS, Aug. 17.—[Special to the Independent.]—The democratic primary for the Great Falls precinct was held to-night. The county convention to select delegates to Anaconda will be held Thursday next. The following delegates were selected: Paris Gibson, Dr. E. Crutcher, A. F. Schmitz, H. Nalback, W. S. Wetzel, H. Ringwald, Chas. Wegner, E. E. Collins, John C. Gerin and Ira Myers.

East Helena Delegates. EAST HELENA, Aug. 17.—[Special to the Independent.]—The democratic primary was held to-night. A. F. Burns and F. H. Donaldson were elected delegates, and P. H. Montague and J. McNeill alternates. The full registration to date is eleven.

## SILVER BOW REPUBLICANS.

They Nominate Delegates and Alternates and Adjourn.

BUTTE, Aug. 17.—[Special to the Independent.]—The republican county convention met here to-day. L. J. Hamilton was chosen temporary chairman and W. I. Lippincott, temporary secretary. After the appointment of committees the convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, when the permanent organization was reported as follows: George M. Bourquin, chairman; J. H. Vivian, secretary. The convention then proceeded to the election of delegates to the state convention with the following result: Delegates—Thomas Couch, George Haldorn, Wm. E. Hall, W. H. DeWitt, F. T. McBride, John Hendrew, Frank Bateman, L. J. Hamilton, S. J. Knight, George M. Bourquin, Thomas York, W. I. Lippincott, C. W. Goodale, John A. Cannon, J. H. Vivian, F. E. Sarason, J. H. Gray, Thos. Robbins, Thompson Campbell, A. Heimbeck, John Holman, C. F. Lloyd, Hiram Knowles, R. G. Huston, J. D. Jenks, T. Clow, Wm. L. Soper, James Rows, Fred Loeber, William Gallick, Patrick Conlon, P. R. Dolman, Oliver Chevrier, J. E. Rickards, Rocco Campano, Olef Olson, W. M. Jack.

Alternates—Chris. Weidmann, J. H. Monteth, Wm. Shovel, I. Strasberger, W. Pinkham, John Shovel, Charles Hanscomb, Albert Knight, Byron Cook, A. B. Leyson, William J. Mitchell, Eljah Hare, Ed. York, James Davidson, Jos. Fegly, Milo French, Geo. Pascoe, J. G. Maddox, W. O. Speer, W. Kidney, J. Youton, John Mitchell, John Kirby, J. R. Silver, J. H. Jackson, T. O. Miles, L. E. Cook, Harry Nichols, Simon Hauswirth, Max Myer, Jackson Davis, C. P. Drennen, Angus McQueen, Gilbert Engel, Frank Proulx, R. M. Campbell, Robert Grix.

The committee on resolutions and platform deferred their report until the next meeting of the convention, an adjournment being taken until Monday, Aug. 28.

The Marysville Primary. MARYSVILLE, Aug. 17.—[Special to the Independent.]—The following delegates were chosen here to-night to the democratic county convention: D. B. McClellan, S. F. Ralston, J. D. Conrad, P. Shandon; alternates, J. J. Davis, H. E. Riddle, J. P. Airey, Wm. McKendrick, F. W. Bacon.

At Rimini the following delegate and alternate were elected to the democratic county convention: John F. Mulgrew, delegate, Joseph W. Russell, alternate.

The Law of the Case. LOWELL, Mass., Aug. 17.—Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, questioned by a reporter, denied that he had been detained as the prosecuting attorney against Justice Field and Deputy Marshal Nagle. Gen. Butler says he could not be retained in the case. He would not act as the prosecuting officer against Judge Field. "I do not think the law of the case has been clearly settled in the newspapers," said the general. "If a man is attacked and in danger of his life is obliged to go to the wall before he can take the life of his assailant. It is different in the case of an officer sent to protect justice of a court. It is then left to his judgment to strike when he fears the life of the judge is in danger from his assailant."

Indemnity School Lands. WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Acting Land Commissioner Stone in response to inquiries from interested parties, has telegraphed the registers and receivers in Oregon that he has not decided, as reported, that indemnity school selections must be contiguous. He holds, however, that they must be as nearly so as may be. Wherever the lands immediately adjoining the other selections are mountainous, or where canons, rivers or other natural obstacles exist, selections may be made from the nearest available lands.

Ran Away with Crane. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Sam Crane, of the Metropolitan base ball club, was arrested this morning on the charge of running away with Hattie Travenfelter, the pretty wife of a Scranton, Pa., fruit dealer. Hattie, in russet shoes and base ball cap, was also made a captive. She was locked up in a cell adjoining that of her lover. Travenfelter claims that his wife took \$1,500 belonging to him when she ran away. Mrs. Travenfelter declares the money was her own and that she left her husband because of his cruelty and worthlessness.

Harrison's Answer to Crosby. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The papers in the suit of John S. Crosby against R. B. Harrison, which was transferred from the supreme court, were received by Clerk Shilds of the United States circuit court to-day. Accompanying them is the answer of Wm. A. Sweetzer, counsel for Harrison, in which he makes a general denial of the libel. In answer the defendant alleges that the Montana Live Stock Journal is a newspaper published and owned by the Journal Publishing company and that the defendant had no control or connection with the matter appearing in the columns of that paper.

Kilrain is Scared. BALTIMORE, Aug. 17.—Simultaneously this morning Kilrain heard of Sullivan's officer in Baltimore to take him to Purvis. He was surprised and scared. The law for the collection of forfeited bail in Maryland is defective, and should Kilrain, alarmed at Sullivan's fate, skip, his bondsman would likely have to pay.

The North Dakota Work Ended. Bismarck, N. D., Aug. 18.—The constitutional convention convention completed its work to-night and adjourned sine die at 11 p.m. The delegates were treated to a farewell banquet at the Sheridan house and then took the midnight train to their homes.

Boulanger Breaks Loose Again. PARIS, Aug. 17.—Boulanger has issued another manifesto. His latest effort is addressed to "Honest People," and declares it was the senate chamber that procured his conviction.

How the Banks Stand. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The weekly bank statement shows a specie decrease of \$2,565,000. The banks now hold \$3,332,525 in excess of the 25 per cent. rule.

## ORATOR SULLIVAN

The Unique Prayer for Mercy of Boston's Pugilistic Pet Before a Mississippi Judge.

The Boss Slugger Trembles While Waiting for the Verdict of the Jury.

Referee Fitzpatrick Fined \$200—Record of the Track—Standing of League Clubs to Date.

PURVIS, Miss., Aug. 17.—The court did not open till nearly 9 o'clock this morning. Judge Terrell was on hand long before that time, and Sullivan was also seated before the bar, showing up with Clune before his attorney came to court. He looked pleasant and unconcerned, though there was a tremble in his hand, after the jury was seated and he glanced over at the men who had found him guilty. The crowd in the court house was small, but grew larger in a few minutes, for hardly was the court seated when the grand jury filed in. They presented one indictment to be recorded and filed out again. The Sullivan case was then taken up. Judge Calhoun submitted a motion in arrest of judgment. The papers had been left at the hotel, however, and the case went over temporarily. District Attorney Neville called the case of John Fitzpatrick. The district attorney read the indictment and then asked: "What say you, guilty or not guilty?" "Guilty," quietly answered Fitzpatrick. District Attorney Neville then addressed the court, reviewing Fitzpatrick's connection with the fight and the circumstances under which he became referee, and closed by saying that he felt justified in recommending the accused to the court's clemency. Capt. Fitzpatrick also made a statement in his own behalf, and concluded by asking the court to be as lenient as possible. The court reserved its decision. Greer then submitted a motion for a new trial and asked for an immediate decision without argument from counsel. The motion was based of various technical points alleging error in the instructions to the jury and in the admission and exclusion of testimony, etc. Judge Terrell then overruled the motion for a new trial and sentenced Sullivan to one year's imprisonment.

In Sullivan's trial this morning, Attorney Calhoun previous to the sentence of Sullivan, presented a petition signed by the grand and petit jurors asking the court to impose a fine on the prisoner and not to sentence him to imprisonment. When the attorney had finished his statement there was a pause, then a stir in the audience, when the case was broken by Sullivan himself. The champion stood up before the bar and speaking in a loud, clear and steady voice said: Your Honor, I desire to make a remark. I can only ask for your clemency in this matter. No doubt I have done something wrong, but as my counsel told you, I was ignorant of the law. I am not an oratorical as the distinguished district attorney on my right, or my counsel, who have addressed you; and therefore I beg to remark that I am a humble servant, John L. Sullivan."

Sullivan sat down and looked at the court, awaiting his doom. He then read the petition for clemency, paused a moment or two, and after going over the case, sentenced the champion to one year's imprisonment in the county jail.

Fitzpatrick was then called to the bar and fined \$200.

Sullivan gave bonds in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance and \$500 for costs. He left Purvis at 6:30 p. m., accompanied by his faithful friend Clune.

Monmouth Park Races. MONMOUTH PARK, Aug. 17.—This was the last day of the meeting and the attendance was good.

Five-eighths of a mile—Blue Rock won in 1:32:5, Citrus second, Gladstone third. Three-fourths of a mile—Chase won in 2:10:5, Lady Hemphill second, Blair third. One mile—Defaulter won in 1:43:5, Niagara second, Kipah third.

Harbison gave the form—Salvator won in 2:10:5, Cortez second, J. A. B. third. One mile and a fourth—Firenz won in 2:11:4, Theodosius second, Christian third.

Flyers at Saratoga. SARATOGA, Aug. 15.—The weather and track were fine to-day.

One mile—Estelle won in 1:32:4, King Crab second, Successor third. Three-fourths of a mile—Santiago first, Cameo second, W. G. Morris third.

One mile and a fourth—Chase won in 2:10:5, Lady Hemphill second, Blair third. Heats of three-fourths of a mile—Los Angeles won the first heat in 1:15:4, Wary second, Sunlight third. Los Angeles won the second, Wary second, Sunlight third.

One mile—Judge Morrow won in 2:42:4, Dianna second, Vivid third. One mile—Frother won in 1:43:4, Mamie Hunt second, Lithrel third.

The League Games. PITTSBURG, Aug. 17.—The home team won to-day by hard playing all around, in spite of several efforts by Ewing to head them off by small tricks. Score—Pittsburg, 15; New York, 10.

WON BY LUCKY HITTING. CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Lucky bunching of hits won to-day's game for